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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Applicant: Fred A. Bower III	
Application No.: 10/040,130 (CONF 8792)	Group Art Unit: 2195
Filed: 1/2/2002	Examiner: Lewis A. Bullock, Jr.
Title: Methods and apparatus for monitoring a lower priority process by a higher priority process	
Attorney Docket No.: BEA920010035US1	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 4, 2005, please amend this application as follows.